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DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

FIG 1 illustrates an arm 1 with a hook and fastening means, 3 attached at the tip of arm 1. In the middle of arm 1 are teeth 5 with slot 7 next to teeth 5 and a hook and loop fastening means 9 at the other end of arm 1. Arm 1 and arm 2 are connected to each other by arm extension 11. Arm 2 serves the same purpose as arm 1 in which there is a hook and loop fastening means 4, and teeth 6 with slot 8 and hook and loop fastening means 10 all embodied on or in arm 2. Arm extension 11 is made a part of oval extension 13 with tip 15 on the end.

FIG 2. shows the arm 2 with hook and loop fastening means parts 4 and 10 in relation to teeth 6 to illustrate a side view of one part of the device.

FIG 3. Illustrates one end of arm 1 inserted through slot 7 which when wrapped tightly will engage teeth 5 to hold shoelace 18 in place while maintaining the integrity of the knot.

FIG 4. Illustrates a side view of arm 1 to better display the position of a hook and loop fastening means 3 and 9 and teeth 5 in relationship to each other.

FIG 5. Illustrates the device fully engaged on both sides of knot 20 with arms 1 and 2 wrapped around bows 18 and 16 to maintain the integrity of the knot 20. Arm extension 11 connects arm 1 to arm 2 with oval extension 13 being displayed in its open state and unattached to a shoe. Tip 15 purpose is to allow the device to be easily inserted through a shoelace hole on a shoe with the device being inserted through oval extension 13 to form a semi-permanent noose around the shoe material.